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Round, lighted object seen over Williamstown

WILLIAMSTOWN — Local residents reported having a close encounter of the first kind with an unidentified flying object last night.

According to police, more than six phone calls were received at about 8 p.m. reporting a round object with bright lights hovering over Maple Street, off Cole Avenue.

The object was sighted from several parts of town, including Henderson Road, North Street and Cole Avenue.

Within minutes, a crowd of about 200 persons had gathered on Cole Avenue near the Boys' Club. Most of them had apparently heard about the object through the grapevine or over police scanners.

According to police, the first patrolman sent to the scene, Officer Jeffrey Card, also reported seeing a strange object with white lights in the distant sky.

"You gotta come down here and see this." he told the desk.

But the object had disappeared by the time another patrolman arrived.

Police said the crowd dispersed around 8:30 p.m.